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Docket No. SC66U-US**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Ralph R. Binetti, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1635

Serial No.: 10/738,413

Examiner: Amy Hudson BOWMAN

Filed: December 17, 2003

For: si-RNA-MEDIATED GENE SILENCING TECHNOLOGY TO INHIBIT
TYROSINASE AND REDUCE PIGMENTATION

Customer No: 60723

Confirmation No.: 8915

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 28, 2006, in which pending claims 1-41 were subjected to restriction, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II (i.e., claims 1-39, claims 1-15, drawn to a method comprising administering a composition comprising one or more siRNA oligomer specific for human tyrosinase mRNA in an effective amount to prevent, ameliorate, reduce and/or eliminate the unwanted skin condition, classified in class 514, subclass 44). As is set forth in detail below, this election is made with traverse.

Applicants enclose herewith a petition and fee for a four (4) months extension of time thereby extending the period for response up to and including January 28, 2007.

Reconsideration of the requirement for restriction imposed in this case is respectfully requested in view of the following:

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This Response is accompanied by a Petition and Fee for a four months extension of time. No additional fee is believed to be necessary.

Please charge any additional fees or credits any such fees, if necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-3782 in the name of Avon Products, Inc.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.